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SUBJECT: INTERFLUG OVERFLIGHTS OF THE FRG

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BEGIN SUMMARY. THE FRG BONN GROUP REP HAS ASKED FOR AN
EARLY ALLIED REACTION TO THE PROPOSED FRG RESPONSE TO
THE GDR DESIRE TO INSTITUTE DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN
SCHOENEFELD AND ZURICH. THE FRG HAS NOT YET APPROACHED
THE GDR ON THE POSSIBILITY OF LUFTHANSA OVERFLIGHTS OF
THE GDR AND LANDINGS AT BERLIN/TEGEL AS A QUID PRO QUO.
REQUEST GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT. END SUMMARY.

1. IN THE MARCH 1 BONN GROUP MEETING, FRG REP (HENZE)
ASKED FOR ALLIED REACTIONS TO THE PROPOSED FRG RESPONSE
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TO THE GDR REQUEST FOR OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS WHICH HE HAD
PRESENTED ON FEBRUARY 1 (REF D). ALL THREE ALLIED REPS
RESPONDED THAT THEY WERE STILL AWAITING INSTRUCTIONS.

2. US AND FRENCH REPS TOOK THE OCCASION TO REQUEST
CLARIFICATION OF STATE SECRETARY GEHLHOFF'S REMARKS AT
THE FEBRUARY 17 QUADRIpartite LUNCHEON (REF B) THAT THE

BALL WAS NOW IN THE GDR COURT. HENZE WAS NOT AWARE OF THE REMARK AND FELT CERTAIN THERE HAD BEEN A MISUNDERSTANDING. HE STATED THAT THE FRG HAD NOT MADE ANY REPLY TO THE GDR REQUEST AND WOULD NOT DO SO UNTIL ALLIED VIEWS HAD BEEN EXPRESSED. HE SAID THAT THE GDR PERMANENT REPRESENTATION HAD FROM TIME TO TIME ASKED THE FRG FOR ITS REPLY, AND THAT OTHER MINISTRIES PERIODICALLY QUERIED THE FOREIGN OFFICE AS TO THE STATUS OF THE MATTER. THE FOREIGN OFFICE DID NOT SEE ANY GREAT TIME PRESSURE BUT IT WAS "NO SECRET" THAT THE FRG WAS INTERESTED IN OBTAINING ALLIED VIEWS AND IN GIVING AN ANSWER TO THE GDR SOON.

3. BOISSIEU (FRANCE) ASKED FOR INFORMATION ON THE SWISS POSITION. HENZE CONFIRMED THAT THE SWISS HAD CONCLUDED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE GDR. HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT, EVEN IF INTERFLUG DID NOT OBTAIN OVERFLIGHT RIGHTS FOR SERVICE FROM SCHOENEFELD TO ZURICH, SWISS AIR WAS READY TO INSTITUTE THE SERVICE. HE THOUGHT, HOWEVER, THAT THE SWISS HAD SOME MISGIVINGS AS TO WHETHER THE ROUTE WOULD BE PROFITABLE.

4. COMMENT: US REP DID NOT FOLLOW USBER'S SUGGESTION (PARA 8, REF A) THAT WE SEEK TO ENSURE THAT THE FRG HAS THOUGHT THROUGH THE IMPLICATIONS OF ITS PROPOSAL. AS THE GERMANS HAVE ALREADY ASSURED US THAT THEY HAVE CONSIDERED THE RESERVATIONS EARLIER EXPRESSED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO CONFIDENTIAL

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ASK AGAIN EXCEPT UNDER INSTRUCTIONS WHICH PROVIDE ADDITIONAL INDICATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT'S THINKING. IN ADDITION, WHILE WE FULLY AGREE ON THE NEED FOR A CLEARER IDEA OF WHERE CHANGES IN THE BERLIN AIR REGIME MAY BE LEADING, WE ARE NOT CERTAIN WE UNDERSTAND THE FINAL SUGGESTION IN REF (A). SINCE AS WE UNDERSTAND IT THE ALLIES HAVE ALREADY GIVEN LUFTHANSA LANDING RIGHTS AT TEGEL FOR THE FRANKFURT-MOSCOW RUN, IT WOULD SEEM DIFFICULT AT THIS STAGE TO "RULE OUT AT THE OUTSET" THE INSTITUTION OF SUCH SERVICE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: THE FRG WILL UNDOUBTEDLY RETURN TO THE MATTER AT AN EARLY DATE; WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT. CASH

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